APPENDIX I

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REPORTS ON THE 66TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION Chicago, Ill., June 8-12, 1975

GEOGRAPHY AND MAP DIVISION

Seventy-six members of the division attended a reception on Sunday night to renew acquaintances and meet new members. At the business meeting on Monday morning, chaired by Alberta Auringer Wood, Detroit Public Library, it was announced that revised by-laws will be published in the *SLA Geography and Map Division Bulletin*, for examination by the membership. Various committee reports were given and accepted. There are now a record 326 members in the division. Lynn Mullins of the American Geographical Society, present editor of the *Bulletin*, has announced her resignation after September, so the search for a new editor is in progress. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Miss Mullins for six years of very successful handling of the division's main publication. Julia L. Staniland, Business Manager of the *Bulletin*, presented her annual report and there were reports also from the New York and Washington Groups by Alice Hudson, New York Public Library, and Andrew M. Modelski, Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress.

The 1975 recipient of the Honors Award for outstanding achievement in Geography and Map Librarianship was Lynn S. Mullins, "distinguished librarian, bibliographer and editor... During her tenure as librarian of one of the world's outstanding geographic libraries, Ms. Mullins has carried on the high standards set by her predecessors in that position. Under her direction, publication of the regional and topical supplements to the *American Geographical Society Research Catalogue* and *Current Geographical Publications* continued to make the resources of the AGS Library available to a worldwide audience. She has also made important contributions to the distribution of geographic information through her own writing in *Geographical Review, Cartographic Journal, SLA Geography and Map Division Bulletin* and other specialized journals. An active member of SLA, Ms. Mullins has served as secretary of the New York Group and for the past five years as Editor of the *SLA Geography and Map Division Bulletin.*"

The following division officers were unanimously elected for 1975-1976: Chairman, Catherine I. Bahn, Science and Technology Division, Library of Congress; Chairman-elect and Program Chairman, Brian F. Phillips, Simon Fraser University Library; and Secretary-Treasurer, Tsugio Yoshinaga, Brooklyn Public Library.

At the luncheon meeting in the Palmer House, Lucy McCrone of George C. McCrone Associates, Inc., spoke on the scientific detection work in the Vinland Map case. (The Vinland Map is owned by Yale University Library). She described how, using an intricate form of small particle analysis employing microscopy techniques developed since 1957, the firm discovered that the map ink contained traces of a form of titanium dioxide having properties not known before the 1920's, proving the map to be the work of skilled 20th-century forgers.

In the afternoon an International Resource Sharing panel was moderated by Donald A. Wise, of the Library of Congress Geography and Map Division. Chauncy D. Harris, Secretary-General, International Geographical Union (founded in 1922 in Brussels) and Professor of Geography, University of Chicago, and Arthur H. Robinson, President of the International Cartographic Association (founded in 1959 in Bern) and Professor of Geography, University of Wisconsin, discussed the functions, operations, and highlights of the respective international associations. Both are distinguished geographers who have been named Honorary Consultants to the Library of Congress. David A. Woodward, Program Director, Hermon D. Smith Center for the History of Cartography at the Newberry Library, gave a similar talk on the International Society for the History of Cartography, an example of a society sponsored by a journal, *Imago Mundi*, (1935). A paper about the International Federation of Library Associations Geography and Map Libraries Subsection (founded in 1969), prepared by Walter W. Ristow, Chief of the Library of Congress Geography and Map Division, who is the U.S. Representative, was read by David Cobb, University of Illinois, Urbana. It stated that this subsection is an international forum for the exclusive consideration of problems of geography and map librarianship. The historical overview of the four international associations showed the early development as sponta-

neous based on the need for international communications among persons sharing common interests. The associations have shown a steady growth since their inception.

A session of contributed papers on Tuesday morning, June 10, devoted to cooperative information services was moderated by Mary E. Fortney, Map Collection, University Library, Northwestern University. Ralph M. Daehn, Social Sciences Division, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, described the "Ontario Universities Library Cooperative System (OUCLS)–Maps–The Regional Approach: A System to Share $." He said this was a regional system concept, based on cooperation among map collections in a university environment. The emphasis was on resource sharing, entailing coordinated collection development and inter-university borrowing, and on centralized information processing, utilizing a standard cartobibliographic communication format for machine-readable cataloging records to provide various products and services. Edward J. Hall, Kent State University Libraries, followed with "Some Applications of the Ohio College Library System Network to the Geography and Map Collections at Kent State University." He said that Kent State University has been an active participant in the Ohio College Library System (OCLC) since its inception in 1967. At KSU Library, a cathode ray tube (CRT) terminal is available for use in technical processing and by the Geography and Urban Studies Librarian. The terminal has been used as a union list, to provide cataloging information, as an aid in sharing of library resources, and for collection development. Marsha L. Selmer, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, gave a paper on "Map Cataloging Methods" in which she stated that the history of map cataloging in the United States has been one of disagreement and criticism (the dispute over the main entry continues today); the features of six map cataloging systems currently in use were surveyed. Alice C. Hudson, Map Division, New York Public Library, discussed "Map Cataloging at the New York Public Library," giving a brief survey of cataloging systems in use at the Map Division and emphasizing the current conversion to an automated cataloging system adapted from the Library of Congress MARC Map program.

The afternoon program on Map Librarianship was moderated by Andrew M. Modelski, Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, with W. David Voorhees, Portage County Public Library, Hiram, Ohio, leading off with "Brief Listing of Maps." He stated that brief listing is a method of bibliographic control which should be used more in map libraries. Brief listing for maps has a different theoretical basis than for books. His talk was illustrated by varieties of brief listing cards. Lewis A. Armstrong, Map Library, Kenneth Spencer Research Library, University of Kansas, summarized and analyzed the results of a questionnaire in his paper titled "Acquisition Lists." Mai Treude, Map Division, Wilson Library, University of Minnesota, surveyed the literature on "Reference Service in the Map Library" and found that map reference work was a neglected topic. She discussed the techniques of reference service and reference interview as applied to maps and related materials. Jeremiah B. Post, Map Collection, The Free Library of Philadelphia, gave a history of "The Franklin Survey Company" based on an interview with Lewis Amsterdam, President of the Company.

The members adjourned to cocktails and a map exhibit at the Newberry Library. After dinner in nearby restaurants, they returned to hear Merrily A. Smith, Conservation Technician, Newberry Library, give a slide-lecture on "Problems of Map Conservation," in which she enumerated types and causes of conservation problems frequently observed in maps. She emphasized the importance of preventive maintenance and suggested methods to adequately protect and properly use map materials.

Wednesday noon the Aerospace Division and the Geography and Map Division co-sponsored a luncheon at the LaTour Restaurant, where they were regaled by Joachim J. Kaiser, Senior Staff Scientist of the Communications Satellite Corporation (COMSAT), Clarksburg, Md., who elaborated on "Fun and Facts of Satellite Communications" in one of the most amusing as well as informative talks heard. He described the adventures of a team of scientists who travelled to Brazil (The Amazon), Diego Garcia (Indian Ocean) and Spitsbergen (Norway), as well as within the United States on communications projects related to Intelsat. The problems and promise of this field of communications were presented with application to the information community.

Thursday morning the geography and map librarians left in two buses for Northwestern University Library in Evanston, with coffee and cakes in the faculty lounge and a reception in the Map Collection hosted by Mary E. Fortney. Edward B. Espenshade, Jr., Professor of Geography, spoke on communicating with maps, and Clare Stapleton of the Department of Geography told of her department's work on computer programs of a geographic nature. The department cooperates with other non-profit organizations

in the interchange of computer software through the Geography Program Exchange (GPE), which is centered in Michigan State University in East Lansing. Following a slide show on the Northwestern University Library and its technical services, the group left for Rand McNally and Co. in Skokie and a special luncheon in its cafeteria. A welcoming speech by Andrew McNally, IV, President of the company, was followed by a walking tour of the plant and the Cartographic Section.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

The annual business meeting of the division was held on June 10 in the Palmer House with division Chairman Ellis Mount, Engineering Library, Columbia University, presiding. Robert G. Krupp, Chairman of the Awards committee, announced that there would be no award this year; Andre Whisenton, Chairman of the Membership Committee, revealed that the membership is about 1,500—a five percent increase over 1974; Joe Ann Clifton, Chairman of the Travel Stipend Committee, proposed the award to one student and one regular member of a sum of money to aid in expenses in coming to the conference. Catherine I. Bahn, Chairman of the Projects Development and Evaluation Committee, reported that the committee had looked into and rejected two proposals. There are six ongoing projects: the aerospace awards and trophies list; science and technology in America—Colonial and Revolutionary period; sources for portraits of scientists; industrial library budgets; sample job descriptions; and guide to the library literature for management in science and technology libraries. The current committee members are Catherine Bahn, Library of Congress; Jack Goodwin, Smithsonian Institution; Herbert Holzbauer, Defense Intelligence Agency; James Olsen, National Academy of Sciences; Kay Rodgers, Library of Congress; Catherine Scott, Smithsonian Institution; Paula Strain, Mitre Corp.; and Elizabeth Tate, Library of Congress. The sum of $500 as needed was voted to continue the projects for 1976. It was also voted to add $1,000 to the Special Libraries Association Scholarship Fund. Incoming officers for 1975-1976 are Ellis Mount, Past Chairman; Rocco Crachi, Chairman; Zoe Cosgrove, Chairman-elect; Elizabeth Harrington, Secretary; and Julie Bichteler, Treasurer.

[*Catherine I. Bahn*]

DIVISION CABINET

The cabinet met on Sunday with Roger M. Martin presiding. New division by-laws were distributed to division officers. Shirley Echelman's election as Chairman of the Division Cabinet with Judith J. Field as Chairman-elect was announced. Division program planners for the 1976 Denver Conference met after the Division Officers' meeting.

PICTURE DIVISION

The division joined the Museums, Arts and Humanities Division for a field trip, luncheon, and program at the Art Institute of Chicago on Monday.

James Humphry, III, Vice President of the H. W. Wilson Co., moderated a panel discussion on "Networks in the Museums, Arts, and Humanities." Speakers were Bernard Ostry, Secretary-General, National Museums of Canada, Mary Huffer, U.S. Department of the Interior, and David Vance, President, Museum Computer Network. Mr. Ostry pointed out that the Canadian Centennial of 1967 caused a democratization and decentralization of Canadian museums by giving impetus to the founding and support of numerous new museums. Half of the available museum funds are now spent outside of Ottawa. Museums on wheels, floating museums, and traveling exhibits have been added to the traditional museums to reach people outside of population centers. Mrs. Huffer outlined the networking efforts in the U.S. Department of the Interior. She also discussed the Federal Libraries Cooperating System which links far-flung libraries to a network which helps disseminate information through CRT terminals. Mr. Vance discussed the future of museum computer networks. He anticipated a problem with the privacy and confidentiality of museum information. Common standards in the conversion of data will, however, be a boon to the museum user of the future.

The Picture Division Business Meeting took place on Tuesday and was chaired by Renata V. Shaw, Library of Congress. The new officers are Elizabeth Matthew Lewis, Chairman; Enid T. Thompson, Chairman-elect; Arline Baxter, Secretary-Treasurer; Kathryn D. Blackwell, Robert F. Looney, Mrs. Shaw, Directors and Sydney S. Keaveney, Publications Chairman. The division noted the completion of *Picture Sources 3*, a joint publication sponsored by the SLA Picture Division and the American Society of Picture Professionals, which has been a long time in preparation. *Picturescope*, the newsletter of the division, and its improvement as an information tool were also discussed. Gilles Frappier, Past President of the association, attended the business meeting as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of SLA. The meeting was followed by a luncheon and an

afternoon program of three talks on different aspects of "Special Librarianship."

At the afternoon session Celestine Frankenberg spoke on "Picture Research in an Advertising Agency." She pointed out that many modern layouts utilize pictorial works for their expressive content and formal qualities. Her own picture collections are arranged under unconventional subject headings to provide the required access. The headings have grown in number to over 1,000. Helen Faye spoke on "Current Problems in Pictorial Permissions." She explained how professional practices had developed in the use of permissions forms, submissions slips, and fee schedules. Forrest Alter's topic was "Picture Problems in Public Collections." He explained the organization of a picture collection devoted to information, education, and recreation serving an area of 500,000 potential users.

Tuesday night a Joint Chapter and Division Cabinet meeting was held with H. Robert Malinowsky presiding as Chapter Cabinet Chairman. The most significant matter discussed was F. E. McKenna's "Update on Copyright Matters and SLA Testimony to the Representative Kastenmeier Subcommittee."

On Wednesday the division enjoyed a luncheon at Stouffer's Restaurant given by Thomas C. Jones, Vice President of the J. G. Ferguson Publishing Co. After the luncheon, the presentation of a paper on "Acquisitions in the Field of Art at the Library of Congress" was made by Mrs. Shaw. A question-and-answer period followed.

On Thursday, the division joined the Museums, Arts and Humanities Division in a field trip to the University of Chicago Oriental Institute and the new Smart Art Gallery on the campus. After a guided tour of the Oriental Institute Museum, a film of the work of the Chicago House in Luxor, Egypt, was shown. After luncheon at the University's Quadrangle Club, the group toured the galleries and library of the Chicago Historical Society and were guests at a reception given by the Society.

The Picture Division held a joint open house every night with the Museums, Arts and Humanities Division. This gave visiting conference participants an opportunity to meet informally with colleagues from the United States and Canada. [*Renata V. Shaw*]

CONTRIBUTED PAPERS SESSION E

D. Lee Power, Information Systems Office, Library of Congress, presented a paper, "SCORPIO, a Subject Content Oriented Retriever for Processing Information On-line: An Experience in Synergistic Benefits." In keeping with the conference theme of "Systems and Networks: A Synergistic Imperative," the co-authors, Lee Power, Michael Fitzgerald, Francis Scott, and Charlene Woody, all of the Library of Congress, reflected on how synergistic benefits helped guide the development of SCORPIO into a network of interrelated, on-line information retrieval systems. - [*D. Lee Power*]

GENERAL SESSIONS

Edwin Parker addressed the first General Session on "Information Service: Society's Needs," and emphasized the need for a new approach to information and information sharing for both social and economic reasons. He commented on the needs of society which result from inter-personal connections and networking. Mr. Parker was assisted by Marc Porat. Mr. Porat noted the unique properties of information as a commodity. He felt that information belonged to the public, and that their need cannot be met without practical incentive.

The second General Session began with a slide show of local people and places and served as an introduction to Chicago for conference participants. Jory Graham entertained the gathering with a list of "not to be missed" sights in the windy city. First on her list were the architectural delights of skyscraper Chicago. She also pointed out that the local bus system provided an easy and efficient way to see the city and sights.

Al Trezza, National Commission on Libraries and Information Service Executive Director, spoke to the third General Session. He announced that the final copy of the NCLIS report will be available by July 1 from the U.S. Government Printing Office or from NCLIS offices. The report was presented as a long-range plan of NCLIS activities and the Commission intends to update it within two years.

Shirley Harper introduced Edythe Moore to the fourth General Session. Miss Moore spoke on the future of the Special Libraries Association and responsibilities which members must assume.

SLA ELECTION RETURNS

Mark H. Baer, Libraries Manager, Hewlett-Packard Co., Inc., Palo Alto, Calif., has been elected President-elect for 1975-76, and will automatically succeed to the office of President in 1976-77. Jean Deuss, Chief Librarian of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York Research Library, was elected Chairman of the Chapter Cabinet, and Lois E. Godfrey, Assistant Head Librarian, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory of the

University of California, Lox Alamos, N.M., Chairman-elect. Two new directors elected for three-year terms are Robert G. Krupp, Group Chief, Science and Technology Research Center, New York Public Library, and H. Robert Malinowsky, Assistant Director of Libraries for Public Services, University of Kansas Libraries, Lawrence. Miriam H. Tees, who served as President-elect in 1974-75, assumed the office of President at the SLA Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday, June 11.

APPENDIX II

65TH GERMAN LIBRARY DAY
Konstanz, Germany, May 20-24, 1975

The 65th German Library Day (65. Deutscher Bibliothekartag), held in Konstanz, Germany, on May 20-24, jointly organized by the two major library associations, the Verein Deutscher Bibliothekare and the Verein der Diplombibliothekare an Wissenschaftlichen Bibliotheken, had as the leading theme: "Central and Cooperative Services in Academic Libraries."

Attendance exceeded all expectations: over 1,000 people participated, 85 of them foreign guests from 15 different countries—a record figure. The chairman noted in his initial address that an increase in professional awareness might be one reason for the very high attendance, while the attractiveness of beautiful Lake Constance and surroundings, as well as the pleasant season, may have furnished additional incentives. Unlike American Library Association meetings this gathering drew participants primarily from university and research libraries, reflecting the lesser role public libraries play in Germany as compared to the United States.

At the official opening ceremony, on May 21, the President of the VDB, Wilhelm Totok of the Hannover University Library, greeted the participants and praised the achievements and progress made in German librarianship. Libraries in post-war Germany had to meet the challenge posed by the foundation of numerous new universities—a virtual academic explosion. In return, the newly-established libraries were not burdened with old-fashioned procedures and techniques; they started from scratch and had a choice of the latest available methods. Salutations were also extended by the Senator for Culture for the city of Konstanz, and by Mr. Kierkegaard of Copenhagen, chairman of International Federation of Library Associations, who thanked all sponsoring parties in behalf of the attending foreign guests.

Following the opening addresses, Joachim Stoltzenburg of the University Library of Konstanz spoke on "Centralized and Cooperative Services in Academic Libraries." There is an inverse ratio between increase in services requested and expansion of staff in German libraries. Funds have been available to take care of 40 percent more personnel in recent years, while at the same time services increased by 100 percent and book acquisitions by 75 per cent. Rationalizing existing work procedures became a mandatory requirement. Various models were established to test the practicality of centralized methods used by the University of Konstanz, measured against the decentralized procedures exemplified by the University of Bielefeld.

German libraries cannot follow a U.S. model, with the Library of Congress as the nominal national library providing leadership and coordination in major centralized and cooperative undertakings. The Deutsche Bibliothek in Frankfurt acts as a depository library and bibliographic center for current German and "Germanica" publications.

The situation is particularly critical since recent surveys have shown a great interest on the part of university library users in foreign literatures. How effectively centralized cooperative efforts can be managed with data processing methods on a larger regional basis is exemplified by the Ohio College Library Center, which the speaker visited recently and discussed in some detail.

The final speaker of the first session was Rolf Kluth of the University of Bremen Library, who spoke on "Cooperation in Subject Cataloging and Classification." He elaborated once more on the Ohio College

Library Centers on-line service. A modest beginning in this direction has been made in Germany by the University of North-Rhine Westphalia, which is establishing a data bank providing centralized services. Dr. Kluth then spoke at length about the various established and projected classification systems, including Dewey and LC, comparing their merits and disadvantages. There is still a relatively large number of German libraries which hold to individual systems and thereby impede nationwide attempts to establish compatibility and coordination.

Hartwig Lohse of the University Library at Bonn and Jutta Nafzer of Frankfurt were the speakers at Wednesday's afternoon session on the theme, "The Professional Situation of the Academic Librarian." Dr. Lohse concentrated on the professional image and professionalism among librarians. He began by asking whether librarianship is an academic pursuit or a mere skill or trade. He reported on an investigation he had undertaken by circulating a questionnaire among 200 librarians, in an attempt to establish task distributions. The replies varied according to types of libraries. In answer to the question of what the librarians considered their principal activity, those in newly established libraries cited "collection" as their main activity, while librarians of special libraries listed "acquisition" and "subject cataloging" ahead of all other activities, with little time left for "selection". University libraries indicated that too little time was left for reference services, administration (including acquisition) alone taking 38 per cent of their time.

The speaker ended by stressing the need for practice-oriented training rather than overstressing theoretical aspects. A heated discussion followed on this latter point and also on whether university libraries should consider themselves independent entities, or adjuncts of and subservient to faculty needs.

Mrs. Nafzger criticized the present library school curricula in Germany as inadequate for the professional demands placed on librarians. She also deplored the lack of unification among the various regional (i.e. state) curricula. The time has come to agree on a nationwide concept. At the same time the particular interests and requirements of specialized librarians should be taken into consideration and met with by setting up special symposia and seminars.

Thursday morning (May 22) was devoted to business meetings of the various committees and task groups. In the afternoon, Irmgard Bouvier of Deutsche Bibliothek, Frankfurt, spoke on "Main and Secondary Entries for Corporate Bodies." She elaborated on the revision of the German cataloging rules, under the name "Regeln für, Alphabetische Katalogisierung (RAK)", which represent a change in the direction of the AA rules.

The theme for Friday's (May 23) session was "Cooperation between Libraries in Descriptive Cataloging." The first speaker, Kurt Nowak of Deutsche Bibliothek, described the services offered by his library, explaining that despite understaffing DB still is capable of performing a wide range of tasks. The services include distribution of *Deutsche Bibliographie* in the form of weekly issues, printouts in 3 x 5 card form, magnetic tapes, and data sheets at the pre-keypunching stage. The latter can soon be provided at slightly higher cost by subject categories, the same as the 3 x 5 printouts.

Mr. Nowak then spoke briefly on the new CIP service provided by DB for German publishers. Beginning with an initial 25 publishers under a research grant from the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation), the program has expanded since its inception about a year ago to over 50 participating publishers.

A weekly announcement bulletin, *Deutsche Bibliographie: Neuerscheinungen-Sofortdienst (CIP)* arranged by broad subject groups (the same as the weekly Hefte), is in preparation. It is to be cumulated monthly, if the demand warrants. The speaker named the various collaborating libraries, including LC, and the contributions they are making to the overall bibliographic effort.

Mr. Nowak was followed by Fritz Junginger of the University of Munich Library, who spoke on "Cataloging New Foreign Publications." From 55 percent to 65 percent of the acquisitions of German University libraries are foreign publications, 30 percent of them in English. While utilization of MARC tape appears to be very useful, a survey has shown that less than 1 per cent of the MARC titles can be utilized in full.

Another participant reported on a survey he had undertaken by investigating 200,000 LC cards by type of main headings used and degree of compatibility with German equivalents. He found that 99.7 percent of the personal author entries used by LC corresponded to those used under the new German Rules (RAK, cf. above). There was, however, a variation in the corporate entries of 20 percent of the titles investigated. Subheadings differed among the two systems in 16 percent of the cases. The speaker concluded that LC cards would serve as a useful basis for German cataloging. [*Arnold J. Jacobius*]

APPENDIX III

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REPORT ON THE TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LIBRARIES
Miami Beach, Florida, June 22-25, 1975

The Association of Jewish Libraries held its tenth annual convention at the Americana Hotel of Bal Harbour on June 22-25.

Board meetings and entertainment were on Sunday's schedule, and on Monday morning a series of workshop sessions were held. Susan Panoff, Librarian of the Central Agency for Jewish Education, Miami, spoke on "Creative Approaches to the Compilation of Bibliographies." Different purposes should determine the extent and degree of annotation of such book lists. Background material for an adult education course should bring together some of the relevant works on the topic discussed to stimulate further reading. The celebration of a special anniversary, such as the bicentennial, might be made the occasion for assembling a large bibliography copiously annotated to serve a wider audience. Bibliographies of children's stories require extensive annotation as to grade of difficulty and content.

Leslie Kane, Audio-Visual Specialist of the Bureau of Jewish Education in New York, dealt with "Audio-Visual Hardware and Software and Their Uses." She demonstrated the various items in use in classrooms today and their relevance for the Jewish religious school. Imagination and resourcefulness are called for in making the new techniques serve our needs.

"The Play's the Thing: the Art of Presenting American Jewish Biographies in Dramatic Form" was the theme of Hava Ben Zvi, Librarian of the Jewish Community Center, Los Angeles, Calif. The coming bicentennial will be the occasion of dramatic presentations about outstanding figures in American Jewish history.

In the afternoon, Theodore Wiener, Senior Hebraic Cataloger, Miscellaneous Languages Section, Descriptive Cataloging Division of the Library of Congress, presided over a session devoted to the Ohio College Library Center (OCLC). The panelists, Charles Cutter, Jewish Studies Bibliographer, Ohio State University, Robert Singerman, Cataloger of Judaica, Hebrew Union College Library, Cincinnati, and Donald G. Deitch, Acting Director of Libraries, Yeshiva University, New York, outlined the benefits of this program of essentially cooperative electronic distribution of cataloging data to their respective libraries. In addition to the MARC tapes from the Library of Congress, libraries may input any item in a roman language alphabet, which then becomes available to the more than 300 libraries served by this network. Although Hebrew and Yiddish entries are not yet included in the data base, the service has proved invaluable.

This program was followed by an address on "The Changing Role of the Librarian: Relation to People and Material," by Madeline E. Paetro, Consultant, Library/Media Services, Dade County Public Schools, Miami. While library materials such as books, pamphlets, and audio-visual aids constitute the stock in trade of the librarian, people are the ultimate target. Their needs and their concerns should determine the use we make of our materials, which should never be treated as ends in themselves.

On Tuesday morning, the convention met at Temple Beth Am, South Miami. This Temple is unique in that some of the art work was done by members of this congregation. Seymour Liebman of the University of Miami at Coral Gables chose as his topic, "The Jews in 'New Spain': Early History and Archival Material." In Mexico in the Spanish Colonial Period, in Central America, and in the Philippines the damage done to Jewish life by the Inquisition has been overestimated. It was possible for many Jews to sustain a communal existence in this setting, and archival material on trials before the tribunals of the Inquisition, some of which have been edited by Professor Liebman, give us a detailed picture of the beliefs and customs of the Jews at that time.

Linda Sametz, Librarian of the Colegio Israelita de México, a Jewish private school, discussed "The Jewish Book Collections in Mexico City." She also gave a background account about the origin and development of the present Jewish community there. It has assumed significance over the past 60 years, as immigrants from the Levant and refugees from Europe have found a new life and have founded institutions like those familiar to them in their countries of origin.

After a luncheon given by the Temple, Rabbi Herbert Baumgard spoke about "The People of the Book." While pointing with pride to the increasing participation of American Jews in the literary and

cultural life of this country, he viewed with alarm their seeming indifference to their own heritage and pleaded for greater attention to the study of Jewish sources, particularly the Bible.

In the afternoon the delegates visited the Richter Library at the University of Miami campus, where a special display of Jewish books in honor of the convention had been arranged. They also were shown the local terminal for the OCLC network.

Later a panel discussion on "Xeroxing" was held. Sheldon Brunswick, Judaica Librarian at the University of California Berkeley, dealt with the practical problems of filling gaps in serials and replacing lost books that cannot be bought on the open market. Meyer Baskin, a patent attorney and a prominent Jewish community leader in Miami, presented the issues—moral and legal—posed by the Williams & Wilkins case on the matter of copyright. Seeming to share the publishers' viewpoint, he cited with approval the case of a local synagogue that decided to buy sheet music for each member of its choir, rather than to duplicate copies from the single copy originally bought, thus also encouraging the publication of Jewish religious music.

The banquet that evening was addressed by Sheldon Isenberg, Assistant Director of the Jewish Studies Program at the University of Florida at Gainesville. His principal theme was the problem of Jewish survival in a world where modernism, often so wholeheartedly embraced by Jews, has brought about the erosion of traditional beliefs. No easy answers are in the offing, he said, and the general spiritual climate of our environment will have a great deal to do in determining the outcome.

On Wednesday morning Edith Degani, Director of Technical Services at the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York, outlined the courses in Jewish librarianship which the Seminary has been offering since this spring under a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. One problem in Jewish academic libraries has been to bring together expertise in Jewish studies and librarianship. Courses such as Judaica Bibliography and Reference Works and Special Problems in Cataloging and Classifying Judaica should help fill the need for better prepared personnel in these libraries. The response so far has been very encouraging.

After a luncheon at Temple Israel of Miami, Rabbi Joseph Narot spoke about "The New Reform Prayerbook." As a member of the Liturgy Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Rabbi Narot had been intimately involved in the preparation of this ritual, the fourth edition of this prayerbook, the first having been published in 1892, the most recent in 1940. Because of the diversity of religious views within the Conference, several alternative services will be included in this new edition, reflecting not only different theological emphases, but also varying attitudes toward the amount of the Hebrew traditional passages incorporated in the services, since the Reform prayerbook, unlike the Orthodox, has always included original prayers in English alongside the Hebrew selections.

Officers for the coming year include Leonard Gold, Chief of the Jewish Division, New York Public Library, President; Margot Berman, Librarian, Temple Beth Am, Miami, Vice President and President-Elect; Harvey P. Horowitz, Librarian, Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles, Vice President; Samuel M. Aksler, Librarian, Gottesman Library, Yeshiva University, New York, Corresponding Secretary; Beatrice T. Muskat, Librarian, Temple Israel, Miami, Recording Secretary; Mildred Kurland, Librarian, Congregation Rodeph Shalom, Philadelphia, Treasurer; and Mrs. Charles Schwartz, 146 Central Park West, New York, New York 10023, Membership Chairman.

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